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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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of the

THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

For the Year 1966



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Pocklington.

To: The Chairman and Members of the  
Rural District Council of Norton.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting for your consideration  
my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary circumstances of your area  
for the year, 1966.

There are no matters on which I wish to make special  
comment this year.

I should like to express my thanks to the Members of  
the Council for their support, to the Officials for their co-operation,  
and to the Chief Public Health Inspector for his help in preparing  
this report.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. WILSON

Medical Officer of Health.





# STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	..	..	94,132
Number of inhabited houses	..	..	2,406
Registrar General's estimate of home population			6,960
Rateable Value	..	..	£153,917
Sum represented by a penny rate	..	..	£610

## VITAL STATISTICS

### Live Births

#### Male Female Total

Legitimate	49	41	90
Illegitimate	1	3	4
	<u>50</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>94</u>

### Live Births

Number	94
Rate per 1,000 population	13.51
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	4.26
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)	1
Total Infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	10.64

### Deaths

#### Male Female Total

Death rate per 1,000 population	28	34	62	8.91
Deaths from heart disease	7	14	21	
Rate per 1,000 of the population				3.02
Deaths from Vascular lesions of the nervous system	2	7	9	
Rate per 1,000 of the population				1.29
Deaths from Cancer	6	4	10	
Rate per 1,000 of the population				1.44

Comparative Table of Birth and Death Rates

during the Year 1966.

Area	Live Births	Deaths	Number of Children Under one year of age per 1,000 registered live births
	(Rates per 1,000 civilian population)		
England and Wales	17.7	11.7	19.0
Administrative County	16.59	11.23	19.80
M.B.'s and U.D.'s	16.95	11.65	18.18
R.D.'s	16.37	10.69	21.43

Table of Birth, Death and Infant Mortality Rates

<u>Year</u>	<u>Crude Birth Rate</u>	<u>Corrected Birth Rate</u>	<u>Crude Death Rate</u>	<u>Corrected Death Rate</u>	<u>Infant Mortality</u>
1956	10.01	16.21	12.33	12.58	17.86
1957	15.97	17.09	13.26	13.53	16.95
1958	18.08	19.35	11.88	12.12	37.31
1959	16.53	17.69	11.79	12.03	8.2
1960	18.73	20.04	11.46	11.69	35.97
1961	18.72	20.03	12.20	12.44	15.15
1962	14.59	15.61	11.33	11.56	19.42
1963	17.26	18.81	10.75	11.18	32.79
1964	17.19	18.74	11.22	11.67	16.52
1965	16.33	17.80	13.18	13.71	26.31
1966	13.51	14.73	8.91	9.27	10.64



Table Showing Causes of Death in Norton R.D.C., 1966

			<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	All Causes .. ..		28	34	62
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory ..		1	-	1
2.	Tuberculosis, other ..		-	-	-
3.	Syphilitic disease ..		-	-	-
4.	Diphtheria ..		-	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough ..		-	-	-
6.	Meningococcal Infections ..		-	-	-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis ..		-	-	-
8.	Measles ..		-	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic disease ..		-	-	-
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach ..		-	1	1
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ..		1	-	1
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast ..		-	1	1
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus ..		-	-	-
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ..		5	2	7
15.	Leukemia, aleukemia ..		-	-	-
16.	Diabetes ..		-	-	-
17.	Vascular lesions of the nervous system ..		2	7	9
18.	Coronary disease, angina ..		7	9	16
19.	Hypertension with heart disease ..		-	1	1
20.	Other heart disease ..		-	4	4
21.	Other circulatory disease ..		2	5	7
22.	Influenza ..		-	-	-
23.	Pneumonia ..		-	-	-
24.	Bronchitis ..		4	1	5
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system ..		-	-	-
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ..		-	1	1
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ..		-	-	-
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis ..		1	-	1
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate ..		-	-	-
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion ..		-	-	-
31.	Congenital malformations ..		-	-	-
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases ..		3	2	5
33.	Motor vehicle accidents ..		-	-	-
34.	All other accidents ..		1	-	1
35.	Suicide ..		1	-	1
36.	Homicide and operations of war ..		-	-	-

Table Showing Age and Sex Distribution of Deaths, 1966

			<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
0 - 1 year	..	..	1	-	1
1 - 4 years	..	..	-	-	-
5 - 14 years	..	..	1	-	1
15 - 24 years	..	..	1	-	1
25 - 44 years	..	..	1	1	2
45 - 54 years	..	..	1	2	3
55 - 64 years	..	..	5	3	8
65 - 74 years	..	..	6	8	14
75 +	..	..	12	20	32
			<u>28</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>62</u>

Table Showing Age and Sex Distribution of Deaths from  
Malignant Disease

			<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
0 - 1 year	..	..	-	-	-
1 - 4 years	..	..	-	-	-
5 - 14 years	..	..	1	-	1
15 - 24 years	..	..	-	-	-
25 - 44 years	..	..	1	-	1
45 - 54 years	..	..	-	2	2
55 - 64 years	..	..	1	-	1
65 - 74 years	..	..	1	2	3
75 +	..	..	2	-	2
			<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>

Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious Disease

Cases of infectious disease notified during the year :-

Malaria	1 (nil)
Measles	2 (59)
Scarlet Fever	Nil (3)
Tuberculosis, respiratory	Nil (1)

(Cases occurring in 1965 are shown in parenthesis)

Cases of infectious disease are admitted, when hospital treatment is necessary, to the Isolation Hospitals at York, Scarborough and Bridlington.

### TUBERCULOSIS

No cases of tuberculosis were notified or came to notice during the year.

There was one death from Tuberculosis.

### VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

The following table shows the number of persons vaccinated or re-vaccinated during the year, 1966.

Vaccination								
Age at date of Vaccination	0-3	3-6	6-9	9-12	1 yr	2 - 4	5-15	Total
Number vaccinated	-	2	2	2	36	-	-	48
Number Re-vaccinated					-	-	1	1

### Immunisation against Diphtheria

The figure for immunisation carried out during the year is as follows:-

#### Primary Immunisation

<u>Aged under 5</u>	<u>5-15</u>	<u>Total</u>
44	1	45

Reinforcing or 'Booster' injections - 61

Of the 44 children under five years of age, who are shown as having been immunised against Diphtheria, all were, at the same time, immunised against Whooping Cough.



## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT

### Nursing

A domiciliary nursing and midwifery service is available throughout the district, as part of the County Council's scheme under the National Health Act.

District Nurse/Midwives are stationed at Norton, Sherburn, Scagglethorpe, Wetwang and Leavening.

### Laboratory Facilities

Bacteriological samples are examined at the Public Health Laboratories situated at Northallerton and Hull.

Routine samples of water are sent to the Laboratory at Northallerton for examination.

### Ambulance Service

Ambulances based at Scarborough, Filey and Malton are available.

### Treatment Centres and Clinics.

Child Welfare Clinics are held each month at Sherburn and Rillington.

Clinics for the treatment of Venereal Diseases are held each week at York and Scarborough.

A Cytology clinic is held monthly at Norton.

### Hospitals

General medical and surgical cases are admitted to hospitals at Malton, Driffield, Scarborough and York.

Maternity cases are admitted to the Westow Croft Maternity Home, Westow.

### Common Lodging Houses.

There are no common lodging houses within the district.

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Clerk - Miss E. Bowes.





SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS MADE.

<u>PUBLIC HEALTH</u>						<u>TOTAL</u>
Sewers ..	..	..	..	..	..	94
Sewage Works ..	..	..	..	..	..	121
Water Supplies ..	..	..	..	..	..	19
Water Sampling ..	..	..	..	..	..	60
Nuisances ..	..	..	..	..	..	19
Sanitary Accomodation ..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Infectious Diseases ..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Infestations (Vermin) ..	..	..	..	..	..	-
Caravans and Camping Sites ..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Refuse Collection and Disposal ..	..	..	..	..	..	56
Drainage Survey ..	..	..	..	..	..	35
Drain Inspections ..	..	..	..	..	..	47
Dangerous Buildings ..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Building Regulations ..	..	..	..	..	..	270
<u>TOWN PLANNING</u> ..	..	..	..	..	..	64
<u>IMPROVEMENT GRANTS</u> ..	..	..	..	..	..	110
<u>HOUSING</u>						
Housing Survey ..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Other Inspections ..	..	..	..	..	..	132
Overcrowding ..	..	..	..	..	..	1
<u>RODENT CONTROL</u> ..	..	..	..	..	..	15
<u>FOOD AND DRUGS</u>						
Food Hygiene ..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Meat Inspection ..	..	..	..	..	..	437
Food Inspection ..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Catering Premises ..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Slaughterhouses ..	..	..	..	..	..	13
Knacker's Yards ..	..	..	..	..	..	3
<u>OFFICES AND SHOPS ACT</u>						
	..	..	..	..	..	24
<u>PETROLEUM</u> ..	..	..	..	..	..	10
<u>FACTORIES</u> (Power) ..	..	..	..	..	..	8
(non-power) ..	..	..	..	..	..	11
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	..	..	..	..	..	98
<u>INTERVIEWS</u> ..	..	..	..	..	..	86
<u>COUNCIL HOUSES</u>						
Maintenance ..	..	..	..	..	..	533
Re-lets ..	..	..	..	..	..	16
Painting ..	..	..	..	..	..	46
Total						<u>2,362</u>

## Water Supplies

A chlorinated mains supply is available throughout most of the district and is not plumbo-solvent.

37 separate private supplies still serve a total of 187 houses.

Parish	Number of Dwellings				
	Total	Piped Water (Mains) Inside.	Piped Water (Private) Inside.	Standpipe	No adequate Supply.
Acklam	57 (10)	54	-	3	-
Birdsall	108 (12)	32	76	-	-
Burythorpe	99 (24)	85	13	1	-
Firby	21 (4)	13	8	-	-
Foxholes	80 (20)	75	-	5	-
Ganton	86 (10)	64	15	7	-
Heslerton	149 (24)	145	2	2	-
Howsham	32 (2)	30	-	2	-
Kirby Grindalythe	101 (37)	98	-	3	-
Langton	45 (4)	42	-	3	-
Leavening	101 (24)	95	2	3	1
Luttons	124 (32)	120	-	4	-
Rillington	291 (90)	288	1	2	-
Scagglethorpe	89 (25)	84	3	2	-
Scampston	128 (15)	94	31	2	1
Scrayingham	46 (6)	44	-	1	1
Settrington	112 (20)	104	3	5	-
Sherburn	217 (107)	209	6	2	-
Thixendale	51 (6)	48	1	2	-
Thorpe Bassett	37 (-)	27	2	8	-
Weaverthorpe	103 (34)	96	-	7	-
Westow	101 (31)	93	1	7	-
Wharram	48 (6)	40	8	-	-
Willerby	139 (56)	126	9	4	-
Wintringham	67 (10)	61	4	2	-
Yedingham	31 (12)	30	-	1	-
Total	2,463 (621)	2,197	185	78	3

The figures in brackets indicate the number of Council owned dwellings in each Parish.



76 Samples were submitted for bacteriological examination with the following results :-

	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Ryedale Joint Water Board		
(chlorinated)	30	1
(before chlorination)	-	1
Private Supplies		
(chlorinated)	-	2
(not chlorinated)	20	18
(filtered)	4	-

No samples were submitted for chemical analysis.

### Housing

Twenty-five new dwellings were completed during the year, a decrease of seven on the previous year.

	<u>COUNCIL</u>		<u>PRIVATE</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	Bungalows	Houses	Bungalows	Houses	
Howsham	-	-	-	1	1
Langton	-	-	-	2	2
Leavening	-	-	1	-	1
Rillington	8	-	2	-	10
Scagglethorpe	-	-	2	-	2
Settrington	4	2	-	-	6
Sherburn	-	-	-	2	2
Willerby	-	-	1	-	1
Total	12	2	6	5	25

One dwelling out of four is Council owned, with a total of 621 Council dwellings against 1,857 privately owned.

### HOUSING ACT, 1957

Only one house was officially represented as unfit during the year and a Closing Order was subsequently made. There are few totally unfit houses remaining and the next step is to review those houses classified under the Rural Housing Survey as 'suitable for improvement' to see what action, if any, is necessary.

## Discretionary and Standard Grants

	Number of Applications	Number Approved	Number of Houses	Total Grant	Average Cost per House
Discretionary Grants	14	14	15	£4,776	£319
Standard Grants	32	31	51	£5,312	£171
<u>Figures for 1965</u>					
Discretionary Grants	18	18	20	£6,548	£327
Standard Grants	24	23	24	£3,493	£146
<u>Figures for 1949/64</u>					
Discretionary Grants	241	236	-	-	-
Standard Grants	95	90	-	-	-

415 houses have been improved with grant aid since 1949, out of a total of 1,857 private dwellings in the district.

### SEWERAGE

During the year the new sewerage system at West Heslerton was completed together with the pumping main to East Heslerton and enlargement of the existing sewage disposal works in that village. A satisfying feature of the work was that by the end of the year a high proportion of the houses in West Heslerton were provided with bathrooms and w.c.'s.

All of the thirteen existing main sewage disposal works continue to give satisfactory results. The cesspool emptying vehicle obtained in mid year is proving most useful in reducing the labour required in routine maintenance as most of the sludge is now spread on the land, thus eliminating the use of sludge drying beds.

The vehicle is also enabling septic tank emptying, now operated as a free once yearly service to be carried out much more efficiently.

Details of other schemes are as follows:-

Langton - No progress has been made with the scheme for sewerage the village

Wintringham - Plans are being prepared for a sewerage system and sewage disposal works.

### REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

One of the four refuse tips was filled during the year. The remaining three tips are difficult to maintain as they are not entirely under the Council's control. Towards the end of the year planning permission was refused for a new tip in the Rillington area and an appeal is pending.

Authority was given for informal discussions to take place with adjoining Local Authorities to investigate the possibility of operating a refuse pulverising plant on a joint basis.



## FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

No. of Food Shops	49
No. of Hotels, Inns, etc.	20
No of cafes and school canteens	7

Number of premises registered under Section 16 for :-

Sale of ice cream	30
Manufacture of meat products	6

## THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

At the end of the year 9 offices, 9 retail shops and 5 catering establishments were registered under the Act. 29 visits were made to premises.

## MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

There are two licences in force in the District, both for single caravans.

## PETROLEUM (REGULATIONS) ACT, 1928/36

A total of 79 licences have been issued, covering the storage of up to 81,745 gallons of petrol. There are 23 filling stations in the District.

## BUILDING REGULATIONS AND TOWN PLANNING

The following applications were dealt with during the year :-

### BUILDING REGULATIONS

In abeyance 1.1.66	5	(1965 - 4)
New applications	137	(1965 - 140)
Applications approved	132	(1965 - 141)
Applications rejected	Nil	(1965 - Nil)
In abeyance 31.12.66	10	

### PLANNING

In abeyance 1.1.66	10	(1965 - 8)
New applications	97	(1965 - 85)
Applications approved	82	(1965 - 75)
Applications refused	10	(1965 - 5)
Applications withdrawn	4	(1965 - 3)
In abeyance 31.12.66	1	(1965 - 10)

## COUNCIL HOUSING

The number of houses owned by the Council rose to 621 by the end of the year. 120 were repainted during the year and the number of housing repairs tended to rise as defects developed in the early post war houses. Plumbing repairs constitute a large proportion of the total and consideration will have to be given to the introduction of direct labour for this work.

## RODENT CONTROL

Treatments were carried out as necessary on refuse tips and sewage disposal works. No infestations were recorded in any of the village sewerage systems.

It was not possible to carry out more than a token inspection of a small proportion of farm premises in the district.

## MEAT INSPECTION

The year was notable for the very large increase in the number of animals killed. Although the number of visits to slaughterhouses was practically the same as in 1965, 437 as compared with 440, the number of animals killed rose from 6,812 to 28,151. This of course necessitated much more time being spent on this work with correspondingly less time for other routine work.

### Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number Killed	1,028	112	22	23,623	3,366	Nil
Number Inspected	1,028	112	22	23,623	3,366	Nil
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis</u>						
Whole carcases condemned	Nil	Nil	12	124	2	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	354	61	3	946	208	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis or cysticercosis	34.33%	54.46%	68.18%	4.53%	6.24%	Nil
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcases condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	Nil	.89%	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<u>Cysticercosis :</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	27	4	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases submitted to refrigeration	20	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Generalised and totally condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Fifteen persons are licenced to slaughter animals under the Slaughter of Animals Act.



FACTORIES ACT, 1937

Figures relating to inspection of factories covered only those visits which were made specifically for that purpose, and do not include visits made in connection with other matters, when attention was also paid to items under Section 1 - 7.

Prescribed particulars of the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961

1. INSPECTION for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector.)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		Prosecutions (5)
		Inspections (3)	Written (4)	
(i) Factories in which Section 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority.	11	11	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	32	8	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority. (excluding out-workers premises.)	—	—	—	—
Total	43	19	—	—

2. Cases in which DEFECTS found NIL

Part VIII of the Act

(Outwork)

Sections 133 and 134

- Nil Return -







